

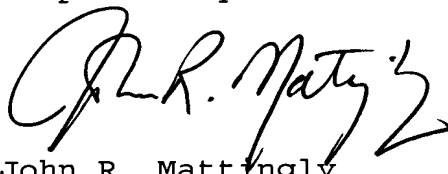
REMARKS

Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants have added new claims 35-48 to the application, which are directed to an information according recording/readback circuit. Claim 35 is the independent claim and claims 36-48 depend from claim 35 as a base claim. Of the dependent claims, claims 38-48 correspond to claims 16-26 of the parent application, now U.S. Patent No. 6,668,349.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and examination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J.R. Mattingly", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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